

What is claimed is:

Sub C1 1. A dry expanding tampon pledget comprising:

5 a plurality of non-absorbent fibers; and

a plurality of absorbent fibers, wherein said plurality of non-absorbent fibers and said plurality of absorbent fibers are blended together.

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2. The tampon pledget of claim 1, wherein a percent ratio of said plurality of non-absorbent fibers to said plurality of absorbent fibers is about 25/75 to about 65/35.

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Sub A37 3. The tampon pledget of claim 1, wherein said plurality of non-absorbent fibers are selected from the group consisting of polyester, polypropylene, polyethylene, aramid, nylon, acrylic, bicomponent, and
20 mixtures thereof.

4. The tampon pledget of claim 1, wherein said plurality of non-absorbent fibers are bicomponent fibers.

5. The tampon pledget of claim 1, wherein said plurality of non-absorbent fibers are polyester fibers.

5 6. The tampon pledget of claim 1, wherein said plurality of non-absorbent fibers have a hydrophilic finish.

7. The tampon pledget of claim 1, wherein said
10 plurality of non-absorbent fibers are about 0.75 to about 30 denier.

8. The tampon pledget of claim 1, wherein said
15 plurality of absorbent fibers are made of cellulosic fibers.

9. The tampon pledget of claim 1, wherein said
plurality of absorbent fibers are selected from the
group consisting of rayon, lyocell, woodpulp, cotton,
20 superabsorbent, and mixtures thereof.

10. The tampon pledget of claim 1, wherein said plurality of absorbent fibers are rayon.

11. The tampon pledget of claim 1, wherein said plurality of absorbent fibers are selected from the group consisting of rayon, superabsorbent, and combinations thereof.

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12. The tampon pledget of claim 1, wherein said ratio of rayon fiber to superabsorbent fibers is about 70/30.

10 13. The tampon pledget of claim 1, wherein the plurality of absorbent fibers are about 0.75 to about 30 denier.

14. The tampon pledget of claim 1, further
15 comprising a coverstock.

15. The tampon pledget of claim 1, wherein the tampon pledget upon expansion has a bell shape.

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16. A dry expanding tampon pledget comprising:

a plurality of non-absorbent fibers; and

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a plurality of absorbent fibers, wherein said plurality of non-absorbent fibers and said plurality of absorbent fibers are distributed together,

5 wherein a percent ratio of said plurality of non-absorbent fibers to said plurality of absorbent fibers is about 25/75 to about 65/35.

10 17. The tampon pledget of claim 16, wherein said plurality of absorbent fibers are made of a combination of rayon fibers and superabsorbent fibers.

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15 18. A dry expanding tampon pledget comprising:

a plurality of non-absorbent fibers, wherein said plurality of non-absorbent fibers are selected from the group consisting of polyester, polypropylene, polyethylene, aramid, nylon, acrylic, bicomponent, and mixtures thereof; and

20 a plurality of absorbent fibers, wherein said plurality of absorbent fibers are selected from the group consisting of rayon, lyocell, wood pulp, cotton, superabsorbent, and mixtures thereof,

wherein said plurality of non-absorbent fibers and said plurality of absorbent fibers are distributed together.

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19. The tampon pledget of claim 18, wherein a percent ratio of said plurality of non-absorbent fibers to said plurality of absorbent fibers is about 25/75 to about 65/35.

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20. The tampon pledget of claim 19, wherein a percent ratio of rayon fibers to superabsorbent fibers is about 70/30.

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